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SUBJ: POSSIBLE CUBAN INVITATION TO HOLD DIPLOMATIC CON-  
FERENCE IN HAVANA FOR REVISION OF PARIS INDUSTRIAL  
PROPERTY CONVENTION

REF: STATE 233088

SUMMARY: PARIS UNION ASSEMBLY DECIDED TO DELEGATE  
AUTHORITY TO PARIS UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MAKE  
DECISIONS ON TIME AND VENUE OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE  
FOR REVISION OF PARIS INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY CONVENTION,  
AND TO DELAY SUCH DECISIONS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1977.

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ROMANIA MADE PRELIMINARY OFFER TO HOST DIPLOMATIC

CONFERENCE. CUBA DID NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE ANY OFFERS  
CONCERNING CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. USDEL PRESENTED U.S. POSITION ON POSSIBLE CUBAN  
INVITATION ALONG LINES OF REFTTEL AT "WESTERN COUNTRY"  
CAUCUS CHAIRED BY SWISS. USDEL ALSO DISCUSSED MATTER  
INFORMALLY WITH WIPO DIRECTOR GENERAL AND DELEGATIONS  
OF FRG, UK, FRANCE, SWITZERLAND AND CANADA.

2. VIEWS EXPRESSED BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS AT CAUCUS  
MAY BE USEFUL BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH  
OTHER POSSIBLE MULTILATERAL MEETINGS IN CUBA:

(A) FRG: IN GENERAL, WOULD PREFER THAT PARIS REVISION  
DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE BE HELD IN AN LDC; BELIEVES U.S.  
ATTENDANCE AT THIS CONFERENCE IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL;  
THEREFORE FRG WOULD OPPOSE CONFERENCE IN HAVANA IF  
MATTER CAME TO A VOTE; FULLY AGREES WITH U.S.  
SUGGESTION THAT DECISIONS ON TIME AND VENUE OF CON-  
FERENCE BE DELAYED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1977 PARIS UNION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

(B) ITALY: CONCERNED ABOUT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC  
(I.E., TRAVEL EXPENSE) PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH CON-  
FERENCE IN HAVANA; HOPED CONFERENCE COULD BE HELD IN  
GENEVA, AN LDC IN MEDITERRANEAN BASIN, OR IN NEARBY  
SOCIALIST COUNTRY.

(C) FRANCE: FAVORED A DELAY ON DECISION ON VENUE FOR  
CONFERENCE; BELIEVED CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD IN AN LDC.

(D) NETHERLANDS: NO PROBLEM FOR NETHERLANDS TO ATTEND  
CONFERENCE IN CUBA BUT SUBJECT CONFERENCE WITHOUT U.S.  
MADE NO SENSE; BELIEVED CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD IN AN  
LDC; AGREED TO DELAY DECISION ON TIME AND VENUE UNTIL  
SEPTEMBER 1977.

(E) BELGIUM: NEED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN DIPLOMATIC  
CONFERENCE; AGREED TO DELAY ANY DECISION UNTIL SEP-  
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(F) IRELAND: IN PRINCIPLE NO OBJECTION TO CONFERENCE,  
IN CUBA, IN ANOTHER LDC, OR IN A SOCIALIST COUNTRY; NEED  
U.S. PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE; AGREED TO POSTPONE  
DECISION ON VENUE.

(G) SWEDEN: NEED ALL MAJOR COUNTRIES AT THE CONFERENCE;  
AGREED TO POSTPONE DECISION ON VENUE.

(H) JAPAN: NO SPECIAL REASON TO OBJECT TO CUBA; HOWEVER, CONFERENCE CANNOT BE HELD WITHOUT U.S.; AGREED TO DEFER DECISION ON TIME AND PLACE OF CONFERENCE.

(I) LUXEMBOURG: CONCERNED ABOUT TRAVEL COSTS TO HAVANA; FAVOR LDC AS VENUE; AGREED WE DEFER DECISION ON VENUE.

(J) UNITED KINGDOM: NO POLITICAL PROBLEMS WITH CUBA; HOWEVER, NEED U.S. IN CONFERENCE; SUGGESTED WIPO SECRETARIAT LET CUBA KNOW ABOUT POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND TRY TO DEVELOP AN ALTERNATIVE VENUE SUCH AS GENEVA OR ANOTHER LDC.

(K) PORTUGAL: CONFERENCE IN HAVANA WAS NOT AN IMPORTANT PROBLEM FOR PORTUGAL BUT AGREED WE SHOULD POSTPONE DECISION ON VENUE.

(L) NORWAY: NEED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN REVISION CONFERENCE; AGREED TO DEFER DECISION ON VENUE.

3. AS MATTERS DEVELOPED IN DISCUSSION ON PARIS UNION ASSEMBLY AGENDA ITEM ON "DIRECTIVES FOR REVISION OF THE PARIS INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY CONVENTION", THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT BY ASSEMBLY TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY FOR DECISION ON TIME AND PLACE OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO THE PARIS UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN SEPTEMBER 1977.

4. ROMANIA WAS ONLY COUNTRY TO COME FORWARD WITH OFFER TO HOST THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE, "SUBJECT TO SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING FINANCIAL COSTS, TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL," AND TO SUBMISSION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PARIS UNION FOR APPROVAL.

5. CUBAN DELEGATE EXPLAINED THAT "HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY A NUMBER OF LDC'S" AT THE LAUSANNE MEETING OF THE GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS (JUNE 1976) ON REVISION OF THE PARIS CONVENTION ABOUT CUBA HOSTING THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. HE HAD PASSED ON THE REQUEST TO HIS GOVERNMENT BUT THE PROSPECT FOR HOLDING THE CONFERENCE WAS "RATHER REMOTE". THE REASON GIVEN WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE 20,000 VISITORS FROM ABROAD IN HAVANA ATTENDING THE 11TH YOUTH FESTIVAL IN 1978. THE CUBAN DELEGATE WELCOMED THE ROMANIAN OFFER.

6. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS WELCOMED THE ROMANIAN OFFER.

OTHER DELEGATIONS NOTED THE GENEROUS OFFER OF THE ROMANIAN  
GOVERNMENT (INCLUDING THE U.S.) AND STATED THAT IT WOULD  
BE REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES.  
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